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Tickets On Sale Soon for Holiday-Themed Train Rides With Santa at Railtown 1897

Advance Tickets Available September 15

JAMESTOWN, Calif. -- Santa is taking some time out of his busy schedule to make special daytime and nighttime appearances at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) this holiday season. Special train rides with Santa will operate over the three-day Thanksgiving weekend (November 26, 27 & 28) and again the weekend before Christmas (December 18 & 19). Advance tickets to ride aboard "Santa's Starlight Express" and "Santa by Daylight" go on sale September 15.

Nighttime Rides Aboard "Santa's Starlight Express"

For two nights only -- on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27 -- visitors are encouraged to bundle up and join Santa and his musical friends for two lighted Christmas trains departing at 5:30 & 7 p.m. The special train rides -- lighted and filled with the music and magic of Christmas -- will get visitors in the holiday spirit caroling all the way. Festively lit cars will be pulled by a lighted locomotive on a 45-minute roundtrip ride to rendezvous with Santa on his caboose. Santa will then climb aboard to greet all of the good boys and girls before he heads out for final preparations for his Christmas Eve deliveries.

Tickets for the nighttime rides aboard "Santa's Starlight Express" are \$24 for adults, \$12 for youth, and free for children 2 and under (traveling in a lap). First class tickets are also available and cost \$30 adults, \$15 youth. Discounts are applied to members.

Rides Aboard "Santa by Daylight"

Popular "Santa By Daylight" train rides also continue this year during daylight hours, on November 26, 27 & 28, and again on December 18 & 19. Trains run hourly from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa will be on board to greet visitors and will be accompanied by Railtown's "Roving Fiddler" Dave Rainwater. Ticket prices are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youth, and free for children 5 and under.

Train ride tickets for "Santa's Starlight Express" and "Santa by Daylight" are strongly recommended and are available online at www.railtown1897.org or by calling the depot store at 209-984-3953. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, near Sonora.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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